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STATEMENT FROM MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JAMES J. WHITE ON THE HONORABLE HELEN DELICH BENTLEY:

"As some of you may already know, former U.S. Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley, whom the Port of Baltimore is named after, is in ill health and has entered hospice care. There is no one more synonymous with the Port of Baltimore than Helen. From her days as a rare female Baltimore Sun reporter in the 1940's covering the Port of Baltimore through her years hosting "The Port That Built a City and State" on local television, Helen introduced the Port of Baltimore and the important role that seaports play in our economy to the general public. She went on to become the first woman chair of the Federal Maritime Commission and a member of Congress for ten years where she was a strong advocate for economic opportunities and manufacturing.

Helen has devoted a large part of her life to the Port of Baltimore and the men and women who work here. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you."